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TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works



American Yellowwood Tree

Cladrastis kentukea

Yellowwood has medium growth rate and is 35'-55' tall with similar size spread. It is little planted but is an excellent tree for flowers and foliage. It can be a choice shade tree for smaller areas (assuming no wires) and can be used as a single specimen tree or in groupings. Yellowwood has creamy white, pendulous flowers which are sweet and fragrant in May and June.

Careful pruning is needed to avoid branches with sharp crotches from splitting.

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WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
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DNR URBAN and COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM

March is a great month to begin a few outdoor activities such as pruning, mulching (assuming the snow is gone from your area!) or fertilizing. If it is still too early in your area for these things, determine where and how much mulch and fertilize you will need come April so you'll have it ready for those perfect spring days and sharpen the pruning tools so they make clean cuts.

MARCH IS THE DEADLINE MONTH . . . TIME IS RUNNING OUT !!

COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANTS DUE MARCH 16, 1998

Since January, we have been talking about the availability of limited financial assistance for local community forestry programs through the Washington Department of Natural Resources Urban and Community Forestry Program. Approximately \$75,000 in monies provided by the USDA Forest Service will be granted on a competitive, matching basis pending fund availability.

March is here and the applications are due in our office by March 16, 1998. E-mail and faxes will not be accepted so keep this in mind as you work through your application process. You don't want to miss out on this once-a-year opportunity. If you have questions, please contact the TreeLink Hotline at 800-523-8733.

1998 COMMUNITY TREES CONFERENCE IS MARCH 18-20, 1998

By now, you should have received the registration information for the the 1998 Community Trees Conference, "Maintaining the Magnificence." All of our speakers are eager to share their knowledge so don't forget to send in the registration and make your room reservations at the DoubleTree at the Quay in Vancouver to take advantage of this great conference.

This regional conference won't happen again until the next century so don't miss out, sign up now! If you would like to attend (or know some one who would like to or should) but didn't receive a registration brochure, please call the TreeLink Hotline at 800-523-8733. Don't delay - send that registration in today because March has already roared in like a lion all to quick!

When making your room reservations at the Quay, make sure you let them know you are with the Community Trees Conference to receive a special discounted room rate!

ARBOR DAY SEEDLING ORDER DEADLINE IS MARCH 18, 1998

If you were planning to order seedlings through the Washington Arbor Day Council, that deadline is also this month. Please don't delay to the last minute ordering the seedlings. There are a number of new species available and at a great price!

If you haven't received your ArborLeaf (or for some reason have misplaced it), please call the (360) 902-1151 or if you have access to the internet the Washington Arbor Day Council has a web site that has all the information at the touch of a button. The web site is:

"www.wa.gov/dnr/htdocs/rp/urban/Arborday.htm"



In the works (continued)

*The tree which moves some
to tears of joy is in the eyes of
others as only a green thing
which stands in the way.*

William Blake

TRIVIA: What is "ethnobotany"

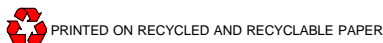
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Picks and Shovels

On the Horizon

The purpose of the Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is to assist communities and nonprofit groups in building self-sustaining urban forestry and tree care programs with strong local support.

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people and plants

MORE DEADLINES . . .

Arborist Certification Review Session, March 14, 1998

If you, or someone you know, is planning on taking the ISA Certified Arborist Exam in Seattle, Washington on April 14, or in Wenatchee, Washington July 18, this review session in March would be a great way to prepare.

This one-day course is being offered at the Center for Urban Horticulture from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Topics covered will be tree nutrition and fertilization, installation and establishment, tree biology, tree, soil and water relations, cabling and bracing and lightning protection, tree, people and ecology (i.e construction and hazardous trees), identification and selection, safety and climbing, pruning, diagnosis and treatment.

There is a registration fee of \$85 for non-members of ISA, \$68 for ISA members. For more information or to register, please call Paul Ries, PNW ISA Executive Director at (503) 945-7415 or he can be e-mailed at "pnwisa@teleport.com".

LOOKING AHEAD . . .

April is Arbor Month in Washington and the State will be celebrating this important day on Wednesday, April 8 this year. But you and your community can celebrate it whenever you would like during this month (or any month for that matter).

If your community is doing a special event that you would like highlighted next month, please let us know and we'll put it in the TreeLink for April. This is a great way to spread the word about what great activities your community is doing and what a strong effort people in your community are making to create a great place to live now and in the future.

Taking Charge: Successful Models for Scenic Towns and Highways." This is a 22-minute video and accompanying notebook available for loan or purchase through Mountain to Sound Greenways. The purchase price is \$35. Contact Amy Brockhaus at (206) 382-5565 for more information.
"Tools, Trees, and Transformation"; a collection of restoration stories from schools and community groups in and around Portland. For more information contact The Wetlands Conservancy at (503) 691-1394.

March

- 5 Managing for Slope Stability; presented at NHS Hall, Center for Urban Horticulture. For cost and registration contact Center for Urban Horticulture at (206) 685-8033.
- 10 Native Plants for Your Yard, a slide show presented by The King Conservation District. This will occur at the South Park Community Center from 7 pm - 9 pm. For directions and more information contact Josh Monaghan at (425) 226-4867.
- 14 ISA Certification Review Session at CUH. For cost and registration contact Paul Ries at (503) 945-7415.
- 16 DNR Urban and Community Forestry Grant Deadline. Must be in Resource Protection office by this date. Questions? Call tish carr at (360) 902-1703.
- 18-20 1998 Community Trees Conference, "Maintaining the Magnificent" in Vancouver, Washington. For more information, contact the TreeLink Hotline at (800) 523-8733.

April

- 8 State Arbor Day
- 11 Creating a Naturescape, design, plants, wildlife workshop presented by The King Conservation District. This will occur at the White Center from 9 am - 1 pm. For directions and more information contact Josh Monaghan at (425) 226-4867.